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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-102 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-102 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-19, 38-54, 60-63, 65-66, 76-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition is a skin or integument condition, which is a bacterial condition, biofilm condition, non-viral microbial condition, inflammatory condition, or fungal condition.
- II. Claims 1-19, 38-54, 60-63, 65-66, 76-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition is a viral skin or integument condition.
- III. Claims 1-19, 38-54, 60-63, 65-66, 76-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being

silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition is an autoimmune skin or integument condition.

- IV. Claims 1-19, 38-54, 60-63, 65-66, 76-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition is an idiopathic skin or integument condition.
- V. Claims 1-19, 38-54, 60-63, 65-66, 76-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition is a non-cancerous hyperproliferative skin or integument condition.
- VI. Claims 1-19, 38-54, 60-63, 65-66, 76-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a

second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition is a cancerous skin or integument condition.

- VII. Claims 1-10, 15-19, 38-54, 60-63, 65-66, 76-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is a skin or integument condition, which is a bacterial condition, biofilm condition, non-viral microbial condition, inflammatory condition, or fungal condition.
- VIII. Claims 1-10, 15-19, 38-54, 60-63, 65-66, 76-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is a viral skin or integument condition.
- IX. Claims 1-10, 15-19, 38-54, 60-63, 65-66, 76-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with

a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is an autoimmune skin or integument condition.

- X. Claims 1-10, 15-19, 38-54, 60-63, 65-66, 76-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is an idiopathic skin or integument condition.
- XI. Claims 1-10, 15-19, 38-54, 60-63, 65-66, 76-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is a non-cancerous hyperproliferative skin or integument condition.
- XII. Claims 1-10, 15-19, 38-54, 60-63, 65-66, 76-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with

a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is a cancerous skin or integument condition.

XIII. Claims 1-18, 22-24, 38-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition is a respiratory condition, which is a bacterial condition, biofilm condition, non-viral microbial condition, inflammatory condition, or fungal condition.

XIV. Claims 1-18, 22-24, 38-54, 55-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition is a viral respiratory condition.

- XV. Claims 1-18, 22-24, 38-54, 55-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition is an autoimmune respiratory condition.
- XVI. Claims 1-18, 22-24, 38-54, 55-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition is an idiopathic respiratory condition.
- XVII. Claims 1-18, 22-24, 38-54, 55-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically

disordered and crystalline, and the condition is a non-cancerous hyperproliferative respiratory condition.

XVIII. Claims 1-18, 22-24, 38-54, 55-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition is a cancerous respiratory condition.

XIX. Claims 1-10, 15-18, 22-24, 38-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is a respiratory condition, which is a bacterial condition, biofilm condition, non-viral microbial condition, inflammatory condition, or fungal condition.

XX. Claims 1-10, 15-18, 22-24, 38-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a

second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is a viral respiratory condition.

XXI. Claims 1-10, 15-18, 22-24, 38-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is an autoimmune respiratory condition.

XXII. Claims 1-10, 15-18, 22-24, 38-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is an idiopathic respiratory condition.

XXIII. Claims 1-10, 15-18, 22-24, 38-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically

disordered, and the condition is a non-cancerous hyperproliferative respiratory condition.

XXIV. Claims 1-10, 15-18, 22-24, 38-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is a cancerous respiratory condition.

XXV. Claims 1-18, 25-27, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition is a musculo-skeletal condition, which is a bacterial condition, biofilm condition, non-viral microbial condition, inflammatory condition, or fungal condition.

XXVI. Claims 1-18, 25-27, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being

silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition is a viral musculo-skeletal condition.

XXVII. Claims 1-18, 25-27, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition is an autoimmune musculo-skeletal condition.

XXVIII. Claims 1-18, 25-27, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition is an idiopathic musculo-skeletal condition.

XXIX. Claims 1-18, 25-27, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a

second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition is a non-cancerous hyperproliferative musculo-skeletal condition.

XXX. Claims 1-18, 25-27, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition is a cancerous musculo-skeletal condition.

XXXI. Claims 1-10, 15-18, 25-27, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is a musculo-skeletal condition, which is a bacterial condition, biofilm condition, non-viral microbial condition, inflammatory condition, or fungal condition.

XXXII. Claims 1-10, 15-18, 25-27, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is a viral musculo-skeletal condition.

XXXIII. Claims 1-10, 15-18, 25-27, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is an autoimmune musculo-skeletal condition.

XXXIV. Claims 1-10, 15-18, 25-27, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is an idiopathic musculo-skeletal condition.

XXXV. Claims 1-10, 15-18, 25-27, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is a non-cancerous hyperproliferative musculo-skeletal condition.

XXXVI. Claims 1-10, 15-18, 25-27, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is a cancerous musculo-skeletal condition.

XXXVII. Claims 1-18, 28-30, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition is a circulatory condition,

which is a bacterial condition, biofilm condition, non-viral microbial condition, inflammatory condition, or fungal condition.

XXXVIII. Claims 1-18, 28-30, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition is a viral circulatory condition.

XXXIX. Claims 1-18, 28-30, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition is an autoimmune circulatory condition.

XL. Claims 1-18, 28-30, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically

disordered and crystalline, and the condition is an idiopathic circulatory condition.

XLI. Claims 1-18, 28-30, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically

disordered and crystalline, and the condition is a non-cancerous hyperproliferative circulatory condition.

XLII. Claims 1-18, 28-30, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically

disordered and crystalline, and the condition is a cancerous circulatory condition.

XLIII. Claims 1-10, 15-18, 28-30, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being

silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is a circulatory condition, which is a bacterial condition, biofilm condition, non-viral microbial condition, inflammatory condition, or fungal condition.

XLIV. Claims 1-10, 15-18, 28-30, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is a viral circulatory condition.

XLV. Claims 1-10, 15-18, 28-30, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is an autoimmune circulatory condition.

XLVI. Claims 1-10, 15-18, 28-30, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being

silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is an idiopathic circulatory condition.

XLVII. Claims 1-10, 15-18, 28-30, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is a non-cancerous hyperproliferative circulatory condition.

XLVIII. Claims 1-10, 15-18, 28-30, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is a cancerous circulatory condition.

XLIX. Claims 1-18, 33-35, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically

disordered and crystalline, and the condition is a mucosal or serosal condition, which is a bacterial condition, biofilm condition, non-viral microbial condition, inflammatory condition, or fungal condition.

- L. Claims 1-18, 33-35, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition is a viral mucosal or serosal condition.
- LI. Claims 1-18, 33-35, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition is an autoimmune mucosal or serosal condition.
- LII. Claims 1-18, 33-35, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a

second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition is an idiopathic mucosal or serosal condition.

LIII. Claims 1-18, 33-35, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition is a non-cancerous hyperproliferative mucosal or serosal condition.

LIV. Claims 1-18, 33-35, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition is a cancerous mucosal or serosal condition.

- LV. Claims 1-10, 15-18, 33-35, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is a mucosal or serosal condition, which is a bacterial condition, biofilm condition, non-viral microbial condition, inflammatory condition, or fungal condition.
- LVI. Claims 1-10, 15-18, 33-35, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is a viral mucosal or serosal condition.
- LVII. Claims 1-10, 15-18, 33-35, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically

disordered, and the condition is an autoimmune mucosal or serosal condition.

LVIII. Claims 1-10, 15-18, 33-35, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is an idiopathic mucosal or serosal condition.

LIX. Claims 1-10, 15-18, 33-35, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is a non-cancerous hyperproliferative mucosal or serosal condition.

LX. Claims 1-10, 15-18, 33-35, 38-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being

silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being not atomically disordered, and the condition is a cancerous mucosal or serosal condition.

LXI. Claims 1-18, 31-32, 36-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition cancer, which cancerous condition is not a cancer of the skin or integument, respiratory cancer, musculo-skeletal cancer, circulatory cancer, mucosal and/or serosal cancer.

LXII. Claims 1-10, 15-18, 31-32, 36-54, 60-66, 73-81, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition, comprising contacting a first area with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at a second area of a subject, the metal of the metal-containing material being silver, gold, platinum or palladium, said material being atomically disordered and crystalline, and the condition cancer, which cancerous condition is not a cancer of the skin or integument, respiratory cancer, musculo-skeletal cancer, circulatory cancer, mucosal and/or serosal cancer.

- LXIII. Claims 82-102, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition comprising contacting an object with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at an area of a subject, wherein said material is an atomically disordered, crystalline metal-containing material, and the condition is a noncancerous bacterial, biofilm, non-viral microbial, inflammatory or fungal condition.
- LXIV. Claims 82-102, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition comprising contacting an object with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at an area of a subject, wherein said material is an atomically disordered, crystalline metal-containing material, and the condition is a non-cancerous viral condition.
- LXV. Claims 82-102, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition comprising contacting an object with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at an area of a subject, wherein said material is an atomically disordered, crystalline metal-containing material, and the condition is a non-cancerous autoimmune condition.
- LXVI. Claims 82-102, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition comprising contacting an object with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at an area of a subject, wherein

said material is an atomically disordered, crystalline metal-containing material, and the condition is a non-cancerous hyperproliferative condition.

LXVII. Claims 82-102, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition comprising contacting an object with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at an area of a subject, wherein said material is an atomically disordered, crystalline metal-containing material, and the condition is a non-cancerous idiopathic condition.

LXVIII. Claims 82-102, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition comprising contacting an object with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at an area of a subject, wherein said material is an atomically disordered, crystalline metal-containing material, and the condition is a cancerous condition.

LXIX. Claims 82-102, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition comprising contacting an object with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at an area of a subject, wherein said material is not an atomically disordered, crystalline metal-containing material, and the condition is a noncancerous bacterial, biofilm, non-viral microbial, inflammatory or fungal condition.

LXX. Claims 82-102, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition comprising contacting an object with a metal-containing material

to reduce the occurrence of the condition at an area of a subject, wherein said material is not an atomically disordered, crystalline metal-containing material, and the condition is a non-cancerous viral condition.

LXXI. Claims 82-102, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition comprising contacting an object with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at an area of a subject, wherein said material is not an atomically disordered, crystalline metal-containing material, and the condition is a non-cancerous autoimmune condition.

LXXII. Claims 82-102, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition comprising contacting an object with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at an area of a subject, wherein said material is not an atomically disordered, crystalline metal-containing material, and the condition is a non-cancerous hyperproliferative condition.

LXXIII. Claims 82-102, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition comprising contacting an object with a metal-containing material to reduce the occurrence of the condition at an area of a subject, wherein said material is not an atomically disordered, crystalline metal-containing material, and the condition is a non-cancerous idiopathic condition.

LXXIV. Claims 82-102, directed to a method of prophylactically treating a condition comprising contacting an object with a metal-containing material

to reduce the occurrence of the condition at an area of a subject, wherein said material is not an atomically disordered, crystalline metal-containing material, and the condition is a cancerous condition.

It is an understatement to say that there are multiple inventions contained in applicant's claims. The following is a summary of applicant's broad claim scope:

Diseases covered by the claims: The Examiner cannot think of any disease that is not covered by applicant's claimed invention. Take a look at claims 1 and 13-37 and see if anyone could disagree. Applicant's invention apparently treats all that ails the Mammalian Kingdom.

Therapeutic agent: The claims require "a metal-containing material." About 80% of the first 103 elements are metallic in part at least. So applicant's invention reads on compounds of about 80% of the first 103 elements of the Periodic Table.

In response to applicant's broad claim scope, the Examiner has attempted to restrict based on patentably distinct inventive subjects, which would require less than undue burden to reasonably search and examine. Applicant is advised that should applicant amend the claims in any way, he should expect corresponding alterations or additions of groups, if appropriate. Each of the invention groups is patentably distinct over the others by virtue of separate conditions being treated, distinct therapeutic agents, distinct administration protocol or combinations thereof. Distinctness is

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supported by separate patentability of somewhat similarly limited inventions in the art: U.S. Patent No. 6,939,568, claims directed to method of treating inflammation of the skin with atomically disordered metal; U.S. Patent No. 6,692,773, claims directed to treating hyperproliferative skin condition with atomically disordered metal; U.S. Patent No. 6,692,773, claims directed to silver-containing composition for treating sinusitis. With respect to search and examination burden, applicant should know that the Examiner is allotted less than 14 hours to examine this application from start to finish (abandonment, allowance or Examiner's Answer). It is humanly impossible for one Examiner to search and examine an application like this without an extensive restriction. The search and examination of more than one invention group would place an undue burden on the Examiner if the restriction were not required, because so many distinct and divergent disease conditions and active agent metals are encompassed.

Therefore, for reasons of distinctness and undue burden, the restriction requirement as set forth above is deemed to be proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143). It is suggested that the claims be amended to reflect the elected subject matter.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one

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or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

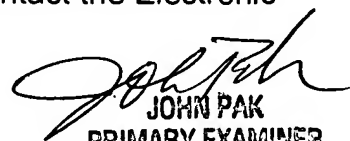
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